



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, contact M. Castain (415) 972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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Tribal Program Newsletter

A rocky vineyard does not need a prayer, but a pick ax. (Navajo)

Meetings and conferences

Nov. 2-4 2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO

This uniquely-designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8 will feature environmental issues facing the west including tribal brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, and rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 Web site: <http://www.brownfields2005.org> or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at coursen.rob@epa.gov.

Nov.6-8 Building Materials Reuse and Recycling: Deconstruction '05 International Conference, Atlanta, GA

EPA Region 4 and the Building Materials Reuse Association (BMRA) are pleased to announce a two-day international conference focusing on building materials reuse and recycling, deconstruction, design for deconstruction, and disaster-debris recycling. The audience for this event includes demolition contractors, deconstruction and salvage contractors; construction and demolition debris recyclers; reused building materials retailers; re-manufacturers, architects and designers, construction managers, academic institutions, and government. For more information, visit www.decon05.com. call Brad Guy, President, BMRA (814) 571-8659 or email guy_brad@yahoo.com

Nov 7-9 California Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Conference, Measuring Water Quality Improvements, Sacramento, CA:

The conference will highlight projects and practices being used to successfully address the leading cause of water quality impairments in California NPS pollution. The goal is to foster the exchange of ideas, experiences, success stories and lessons learned to improve water quality programs and related watershed projects. This event will build on the successful 2001 and 2003 NPS

Pollution Conferences and will include plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, a poster reception, field trips, training workshops and plenty of networking opportunities. For more information, please go to <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/fall2005.html>

Nov. 8-9 Tribal Pesticide Enforcement Program, Sparks, NV

The training will focus on the development of a pesticide enforcement quality assurance project plan (QAPP) for pesticide inspections or observations. For information regarding the training, contact Robin Powell, PLPT Environmental Manager, at rpowell@plpt.ns.us or call (775) 574-0101, ext. 12

Nov 9-10 Tribal Sustainable Energy Solutions Conference, Denver, CO

The Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) invites you to join tribal leaders, federal government representatives and industry leaders in discussions and workshops exploring renewable energy in Indian country. For more information, call Lizana Pierce, (303) 275-4717 or to go <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy>

Nov 15-17 “Native Renewables” Energy Summit, Denver, CO

Sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE), the core of this conference is to focus on how tribes and cities can help each other. State, local and tribal governments can support “Native Renewables” both in capital markets and local “healthy” community development. With Green Tags and Renewable Energy Credits, “Native Renewables” projects can generate immediate financial rewards to revitalize Native economies. For more information on the DOE's Tribal program to go: http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/tep_background.html

Dec. 2 Storm water and Surface-water Quality, Nashville, TN

This accredited workshop is packed with critical information for storm water- and surface-water-quality professionals. It is presented by leaders in the field and is designed for professional storm water managers as well as municipal and government leaders, federal agency representatives, engineers, contractors, consultants, and distributors. For more information, please go to <http://www.stormcon.com/nashville>



Dec. 5-9 2005 Indian Country Training Summit & Expo, Las Vegas, NV

This conference includes 15 training sessions, the National Indian Board Members Conference and the Indian Country Expo—all in one place--Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino--and all during the same week. To become a sponsor, or for more information,

please contact Tom Wilkins at (800) 992-4489, ext. 119 or at Tom.Wilkins@falmouthinstitute.com

Jan 24-25 Tribal Relations Symposium for Executive Leaders, Fort McDowell, AZ

This symposium will provide techniques needed to work collaboratively with Tribal and federal government leaders; to strengthen and expand government-to-government collaboration and partnerships and to build workforce capacity within the agencies to enable employees in tribal relations. For more information, contact Kathy Pedrick, Symposium Coordinator, (623) 580-5568 or email at Kathy_Pedrick@blm.gov

Mar 26-29 21st International Conference on Solid Waste, Philadelphia, PA

Researchers, educators, government officials, students, consultants, managers, community leaders, and others with expertise in solid waste are invited to submit papers for oral presentation at this conference. For more information, please write or call Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, Conference Chair, Department of Civil Engineering, Widener University, 1 University Place, Chester, PA 19013-5792 U.S.A (610) 499 4042 4461, solid.waste@widener.edu.

May 7-11 5th National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

The conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council and will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. EPA and USGS are members of this council. This conference will provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. If you would like to submit an abstract, have questions about the conference, or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com or call (410) 356-8993 or visit their Web site at www.nwqmc.org.

Also, the Council is soliciting nominations for the 2006 Elizabeth Jester Fellows Award to be presented at the conference. Established in tribute to and in memory of Elizabeth Fellows (1944-2000), the award recognizes an individual for their outstanding achievement, exemplary service, and distinguished leadership in the field of water quality monitoring. Visit <http://www.tetrattech-ffx.com/nwqmc06/award.cfm> to learn more about Elizabeth, the award's criteria, and past recipients.

Training

The Nielson Environmental Field School

Nov 3-4 Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Dallas, TX

Nov 7-8 Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, San Antonio, TX

Nov 10-11 Ground Water Sampling Field Course, Houston, TX

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of environmental consultants, contractors & laboratory staff, government agency environmental staff, federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal, industry environmental staff: petrochemical, utility, landfill, manufacturing, mining and others. For more information, contact us at info@envirofieldschool.com or visit Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com

Penn State University

Nov 3-4 Wastewater Biology, Santa Rosa, CA

Penn State Wastewater Biology courses stress a biological approach to wastewater operations and are designed for operators, technicians, and engineers involved in the daily operation and troubleshooting of wastewater treatment processes. For more information, visit <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/WastewaterBiology/>

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Nov 14-18 Air Pollution Technology, Las Vegas, NV

Dec 6-8 Air Quality System, Kansas City, KS

As with most ITEP courses, ITEP will pay for participants travel and lodging as well as reimburse them for their per diem expenses. For more information, please contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 (phone); (928)-523-1266 (fax) or www.nau.edu/itep

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and the State of California, Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Program.

RCAC is offering the following free workshops throughout California for small drinking water systems:

Nov. 2 Board Member & Owner Responsibilities, Atascadero, CA

Nov. 8 Budgets & Rate Setting, Santa Barbara, CA

Nov. 8 Board Member & Owner Responsibilities, Riverside, CA

Nov. 9 Emergency Response Planning, Riverside, CA

Nov. 15 Capital Improvements Plans & Asset Management, Chula Vista, CA

Nov. 16 Surface Water Treatment Compliance, El Centro, CA

Nov. 29 Monitoring & Water Quality, Chula Vista, CA

For information on registration, contact Mark Wiseman, RCAC, (916) 447-9832, ext. 279
For more information on workshop content, contact Brian Phillips, RCAC, (707) 489-6994.
Also, for the latest information go to <http://www.rcac.org>



Nov. 14-17 Water Operator Treatment Class, Rincon Reservation, Valley Center, CA

The course will focus on disinfection (chlorination) to help operators prepare for the November 19 state certification exam (Levels I through III). There is no registration fee and reference text material is included. See <http://www.harrahs.com> for location details or call David E. Robbins Indian Health Service (760) 735-6887 for more information about this course.



Nov. 14-18 Professional Program Development and Grant Communication, Manhattan, NY

This intensive course will teach professional program development essentials and program evaluation. While most grant writing "workshops" treat program development and evaluation as separate from the writing of a proposal, this class will teach students the relationship between overall program planning and all strategic communication, including grant writing. This class encourages students to understand successful program development and to think strategically about funding as an integral part of the overall program planning process. For more information call (888) 824 - 4424 or visit The Grant Institute Web site at <http://www.thegrantinstitute.com>. The \$997.00 tuition includes all materials and certificates.

Research Training Institute

For a schedule of their training, please call (706) 951-5685 or visit <http://www.RTI.org>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for November 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Nov 1-3 Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC

Feb 28-Mar 2 First-Ever Clean Water Act/NPDES Inspector Workshop, Denver, CO

The workshop's agenda was developed by a committee of senior inspectors from the 10 EPA Regions and the HQs Office of Compliance (OC) in Washington, D.C. and designed to increase knowledge of NPDES permits and regulations, field inspection capabilities, knowledge of wastewater processes and environmental management systems, and improve the exchange of information between the inspectors in the ten regions and Washington, D.C. Field exercises also have been developed to provide hands-on training in various aspects of NPDES inspection work. To get all the details and to register, go to <http://www.netionline.com> and click on the Catalog and Schedule button.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) courses provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. If you have any questions, the course point of contact is Arthur Totten (202) 564-7164; fax: (202) 564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov

NETI, in cooperation with EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, is pleased to present a new Web-based class, "Introduction to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program and Basic UST Inspector Training Courses" (UST 901). These courses are designed to meet the training requirements for inspectors under EPA Order 3500.1. They orient new employees, provide refresher training, and supplement annual training for the UST program. Topics include preparation for field inspections, on-site equipment inspections, compliance records review, purpose and goals of the UST program, history of the UST program, financial responsibility requirements, and the federal UST regulations.

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Nov 9 Tribal Water and Wastewater Operator Workgroup Meeting, Phoenix. AZ



Nov. 30-Dec 2 Tribal – State Water Emergency Response Preparedness Training for Water and Wastewater Operators, Mesa, AZ

To obtain more information on the above courses call Deborah Patton at (602) 258-4822

Grants and loans

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the [Golden Field Office](#) and detailed on the [Tribal Energy Program](#) Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. Relevant financial solicitations can be found on the [funding opportunities](#) page. All of these Web sites can be found by going to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/financing/>



Extended deadline

Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside

EPA is soliciting proposals from tribes in Region 9 (California, Arizona, and Nevada) under the Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program. This program provides the opportunity for Region 9 tribes to obtain EPA grants for infrastructure improvements to public water systems (PWS). The funding will be used to address the most significant public health threats posed by inadequate public drinking water system infrastructure. The new arsenic standard of 10 ppb takes effect in January of 2006 so all systems with arsenic levels at 10 ppb or higher should be in the process of achieving this standard. When submitting proposals, applicants can request assistance for a feasibility study or, if a study has already been completed, for construction funding. Project proposal forms (and feasibility studies if applicable) must be postmarked by November 8, 2005. The solicitation is available on the EPA Region 9 Grants Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. For more information, please contact your EPA PWS Program Manager or call Sara Jacobs at (415) 972-3564



Tribal Compliance Assurance Program

U.S EPA Region 9 has posted a request for proposals for tribal compliance assurance programs, which can include solid waste projects, on the Regional and National Web. Potential solid waste compliance assistance projects may include (but are not limited to): (1) Development of solid waste regulations, including codes and ordinances. (2) Development of a dump inventory/ dump assessment to target priority sites for cleanup/management, (3) Funding for solid waste training

and/or conferences, including Inspector training, Manager of Landfill Operations training, waste management and safety training, etc. ((4) Development of solid waste compliance assurance or enforcement programs, and (5) Development of environmental compliance data collection and analysis programs. The proposals must be received by November 21, 2005. Please contact Kate Nooney, (415) 947-4266 or click on the following link for the posting.
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/compliance-assurance.html>



Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LEACentral/GrantsLoan/FarmRanch/ or by calling (916) 341-6316



California Bay Delta Program's Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP)

The California Bay Delta Program's ERP has a focused Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for projects that assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration. Approximately \$9 million will be available for this focused solicitation. Proposals are due on December 15, 2005. Local agencies, qualified private non-profit organizations, universities, state and federal agencies, and tribes are eligible to participate. For additional information related to the upcoming PSP or if you have any questions, e-mail help@solicitation.calwater.ca.gov or call the PSP helpline at (877) 408-9310.



Environmental Education Grants

U.S. EPA requests proposals for the Environmental Education Grants Program (EEGP). EEGP supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop aware and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. \$3 million is expected to be available and 150 awards are anticipated. For more information, contact Diane Berger at (202) 564-0451 or go to: http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants_sol2006.html.



Strategic Agricultural Initiative

U.S. EPA Region 3 requests proposals for the Strategic Agricultural Initiative Grant Program. This program supports efforts by the agricultural community to "transition" away from high risk pesticides to the use of less and reduced risk pesticides, alternative methods of pest control and

sustainable practices in agriculture. Projects must be implemented in EPA Region 3 (DE, MD, PA, VA, WV or WA D.C.). \$220K is expected to be available; individual awards NTE \$75K. Responses due November 30, 2005. For more information, contact John Butler at butler.john@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-R3WCM-06-02/Grant.html>.



Tribal Agricultural Research

U.S. Department of Agriculture requests applications for the Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program (TCRGP). TCRGP funds investigative and analytical studies and experimentation in the food and agricultural sciences in areas including but not limited to sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry, biotechnology, and aquaculture. Tribes must apply through one of the thirty-three 1994 Land Grant Institutions. \$998K expected to be available and 20 awards are anticipated. Responses due December 12, 2005. For more information, go to: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_research.html.



Tribal Air Grants

U.S. EPA Region 5 requests proposals from federally recognized tribal governments and tribal consortia for projects and programs designed to address air quality issues throughout Indian Country in Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI). \$1.2 million is expected to be available and responses are due December 1, 2005. For more information, contact Julie Henning at henning.julie@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-R5-2006-12-01/Grant.html>

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requests applications for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project Grant Program (PDM). PDM provides funding for implementation of cost effective projects, such as buyouts of flood-prone buildings, construction of safe rooms, elevations of homes located in the floodplain or making structures more earthquake resistant, prior to disaster events. \$150 million is expected to be available and 225 awards are anticipated. Only state or territorial emergency management agencies are eligible to apply as primary applicants, however, sub applicants are eligible to apply through these agencies. Responses from state/territorial management agencies are due January 17, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.fema.gov/fima/pdm>.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

RCDI has grants to qualified intermediary organizations to provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. \$6 million is expected to be available and 12 awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 3,

2005. For more information, contact William.Kenney@usda.gov or go to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html>.

Environmental Information Exchange

EPA requests applications for the Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program. The Exchange Network is an internet and standards-based, secure information network that facilitates the electronic reporting, sharing, integration, analysis, and use of environmental data from many different sources. \$20 million is expected to be available and up to 50 awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 21, 2005. For more information contact Rebecca Moser, EPA, at (202) 566-1679 or go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-OEI-06-01/Grant.html>.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or <mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov>

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop ways to meet environmental community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials, please go to:

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm or call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones, (916) 263-0466 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov or visit <http://www.housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/>

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations

Cal/EPA has established the Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Program to assist eligible community-based, grassroots, non-profit entities, and federally recognized tribal

governments to address EJ issues as authorized by California Code of Regulations Title 27, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 1. The EJ Small Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250 thousand) in grant funds are available for this grant cycle. Grant projects may be funded with maximum grant amounts not to exceed \$20,000 per project. The grant term is from November 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006. For more information, visit the Web site at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/SmallGrants/default.htm>

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://www.calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsab-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program awards grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers the following two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level:

- (1) CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.
- (2) The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September.

For more information concerning the above grant opportunities, please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
For more information, please call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

Miscellaneous items



The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) are soliciting interested persons to serve as members on the

Community Tribal Subcommittee (CTS) of the NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). The Community and Tribal Subcommittee is composed of members of NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) and members representing community and tribal perspectives on environmental health issues. More information on NCEH can be found at (<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>). Also, you may contact Leslie Campbell, toll-free 1-888-422-8737

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) Program.

The State Water Resources Control Board is inviting public comment on proposed amendments to the SRF Loan Policy. The SRF Loan Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities, correction of non-point source and storm water drainage pollution problems. The proposed amendments are intended to integrate the concept of sustainability into the SRF Policy consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2005-0006. The State Water Board will immediately begin accepting new applications and resume processing those applications that were previously under review. For more information, please go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Air Quality Permits

EPA Region 9 encourages tribes that want to build small power plants to consult with EPA early in the planning process to determine whether an air quality permit is required. The need for a permit depends on the size of the plant, the potential emissions of the plant (without consideration of air pollution controls) and where the plant will be located. The likelihood that a permit will be required is higher in areas where the air quality is not meeting federal air quality standards, i.e. non-attainment areas. Tribes that want to construct power plants in the following California counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino) should be especially aware of the possibility that a permit will be required prior to construction or operation of the plant, since the permitting thresholds based on potential emissions are lower than in other areas. If a permit is required, it takes EPA between 6 to 12 months to issue a final permit after a complete application has been submitted. Since construction of a new plant cannot start until after the permit has been issued, it is important to start this process as soon as possible after it is known that a permit is required. If you have questions or need to get an applicability determination from EPA Region 9, contact Roger Kohn, kohn.roger@epa.gov or (415) 972-3973 or Gerardo Rios rios.gerardo@epa.gov or (415) 972-3974.

Composting Programs

EPA's latest Tribal Waste Journal focusing on tribal composting programs is now in print and available on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/tribal/pdf/twj-4.pdf>. The journal highlights tribes that are making great strides in solid waste management through composting. Read about how these tribes started their composting programs to divert waste, save on waste disposal costs, and nourish land and tradition.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415) 972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Corporation for National and Community Services

The AmeriCorp has volunteers that are available to work with tribes. For more information, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.nationalservice.org/partners/become/americorps.html>

Lead Hazards

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a tribal-based environmental protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Please feel free to browse and download any of these products. Also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at <http://www.tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>.

The Penobscot Indian Nation has developed a curriculum in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Continuing Education program for 3- 4th graders which encourages students to look out for lead hazards as well as steps to take to minimize exposure to lead. This product is available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to download the manual in PDF formats <http://www.tbep.net/MotherBear/index.htm>. For more information, please call (617)-918-1524 or fax (617)-918-0524.

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are visual and easy to understand. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

Job openings

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has an opening for an environmental specialist in water quality. Please submit your resume to Ondrea S. Barber,

SRPMIC – Human Resources Dept., 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 or email ondrea.barber@SRMPIC-nsn.gov. This position will remain open until filled.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

Please visit the tribal resource Web page at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/indianwaste.html>